

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

AGENDA REVIEW	04/29/15
BOARD MEETING	05/12/15
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All
DEPARTMENT	Mental Health
SUBJECT	Approval to extend the term of a Sole Source Transitional Housing Program Agreement with A Community of Friends (ACOF) to provide continuous and uninterrupted transitional housing and supportive services to Seriously Emotionally Disturbed and Severely and Persistently Mentally Ill young adults.
PROGRAM	Provides housing and supportive services to Seriously Emotionally Disturbed and Severely and Persistently Mentally Ill young adults, ages 18 to 21, who have been in foster care in either the Dependency or the Delinquency system and have subsequently emancipated and had their court jurisdiction terminated.
DEADLINES	None
COST & FUNDING	The total cost of this Agreement is \$136,000 funded by an Intrafund Transfer from the Department of Children and Families (DCFS). Funding for this Agreement is included in Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 DMH's Recommended Budget. There is no net County cost impact associated with the recommended actions.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Board approval of the term extension will prevent interruption of transitional housing and supportive services at its 20-bed Step-Out Transitional Housing Program. The extension will allow the high-risk young adults to continue to reside in the program while receiving the appropriate mental health services and supports to assist with their permanent housing plans.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; and prior accomplishments.)	<p>DCFS Chafee Independent Living Program (ILP) will fund 40 percent of the program. ACOF has secured the remaining 60 percent funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Supportive Housing Program (SHP). In addition, ACOF contributes a portion of their corporate funding annually to cover the costs of client needs ineligible for SHP and DCFS Chafee ILP funding,</p> <p>ACOF has the unique ability to secure HUD SHP funding for the Step-Out THP project and to continue operations without disruption. Additionally, because the funding availability cycles of governmental and non-governmental entities vary widely, it is likely that a significant disruption in continuity of care and housing for the Step-Out THP young adult residents would occur if the contract is not renewed.</p> <p>In FY 2015-16 the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority will take over the responsibility from DCFS for coordinating the oversight and funding for the THP. LAHSA will also plan and develop an appropriate solicitation document for the THP for future FYs.</p>
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